

KING'S * PRINCESS

SHOWING TO-DAY

AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20
& 9.30 P.M.AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30
& 9.30 P.M.SAVAGE! SINFUL!
SPECTACULAR!SLAVES OF
BABYLONRichard Conte • Linda Christian
with Maurice Ruggieri

TO-DAY

CAPITOL

AT 2.30, 5.30,

7.30 & 9.30

P.M.

ON PANORAMIC SCREEN

IVANHOE
Robert Taylor • Joan Fontaine
with George Sanders and William Williams

TO-DAY

LIBERTY

AT 2.30, 5.30,

7.30 & 9.30

P.M.

CLARK GABLE • GENE TIERNEY

"NEVER LET ME GO"

RICHARD HAYDON

Screen Play by RONALD HILL and GEORGE FROESCHEL
Adapted From the Novel "Never Let Me Go" by ROBERT BULL
Directed by DELMER DAVES • Produced by CLARENCE BROWN
An M-G-M PICTURE

LEE Theatre GREAT WORLD

SHOWING TO-DAY

DAILY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

HOWARD HUGHES presents
ROBERT MITCHUM
JEAN SIMMONS
ARTHUR HUNNICUTT
in
"She Couldn't Say No!"
EDGAR BUCHANAN • WALLACE FORD
RAYMOND WALSH

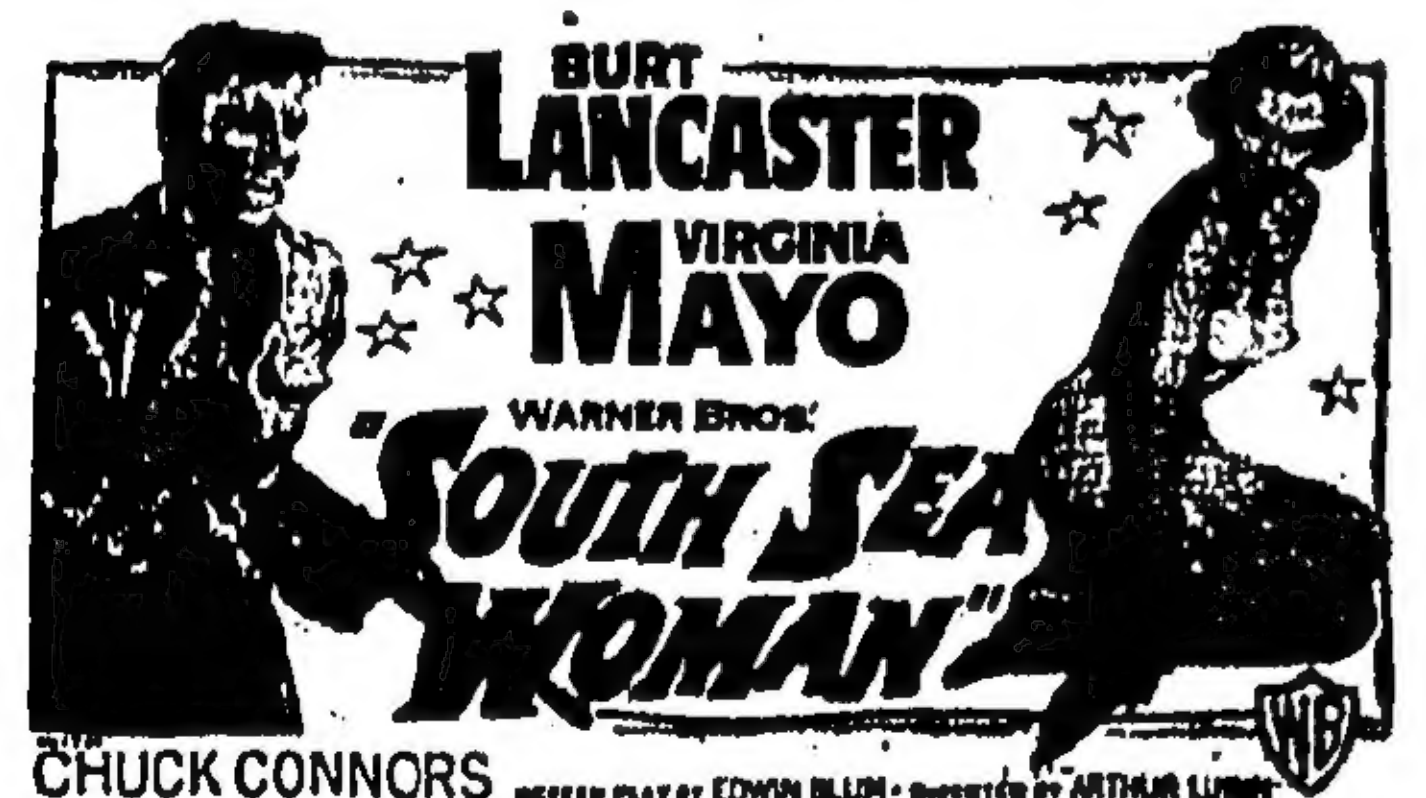
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MAJESTIC

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7.30 & 9.30

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BURT LANCASTER
VIRGINIA MAYO
WARNER BROS.
"SOUTH SEA WOMAN"
CHUCK CONNORS
Screen Play by EDWIN BLUM • Directed by ARTHUR LURIN

ALSO LATEST FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS

OPENS TO-MORROW! WILLIAM HOLDEN in
"BOOTS MALONE"Dien Bien Phu
Battle Runs
Into Its 51st Day

Hanoi, May 2.

The battle of Dien Bien Phu, the fiercest and most spectacular of the Indo-Chinese war, which today entered upon a new phase, began on March 18 this year.

On the afternoon of that day and after intense artillery preparations, the Vietminh troops hurled themselves in screaming hordes on the camp, and succeeded in overwhelming the post "Beatrice" north-east of the main resistance point.

After the first night's fighting one thousand Vietminh dead were found entangled in the barbed wire surrounding the camp. On the second night, there were 1,500.

The Vietminh troops in their new tactics used bamboo poles filled with explosives to blow up the barbed wire surrounding the camp. After 48 hours of incredibly fierce fighting, the French Union troops repulsed the human tidal waves, and the camp's Commander, General (then Colonel) Christian de Castries, remained the master of the situation, although another outpost, "Gabrielle" to the north, fell a day later.

French and Vietnamese troops had recaptured Dien Bien Phu in a parachute operation on November 30, to facilitate the withdrawal of the French Union troops and civilians from Lai Chau, the capital of the Thai country some 100 miles to the north. The camp also constituted a threat to the Vietminh armies marching on Vientiane and Luang Prabang in Laos.

Although on March 14 after the first assault, the Vietminh had themselves requested a truce, so that the dead could be removed and buried, their commander, General Vo Nguyen Giap, soon showed he intended to prevent the evacuation of the French Union wounded by every possible means. Medical corps ambulance planes marked with Red Crosses were fired upon by the Vietminh, and the

pilots only managed to evacuate the seriously wounded by taking grave risks.

AIRFIELD DISABLED
Eventually, after April 27, the Dien Bien Phu airfield was put completely out of use by Vietminh advances and heavy artillery fire, and all air liaison with the camp was cut off. Little happened during the last fortnight in March, but the 19,000 men under de Castries were getting used to these waiting periods.

For even before the first assault in March, they had been expecting an attack every hour, especially for the opening of the Berlin conference on January 26. This fortnight's breathing space was, however, in no way a period of rest for the men in Dien Bien Phu. They were feverishly engaged in reinforcing their defences, posting artillery and digging trenches. The airfield was still in use at the time, and a huge airlift poured munitions, food supplies, medicine, and miles of barbed wire for the French troops in the camp.

At the same time, Colonel de Castries launched a large scale operation supported by tanks on a village just over a mile west of the perimeter, killing 1,500 Vietminh and capturing large armament stores.

Meanwhile, the French Union aircraft continuously bombed the Vietminh anti-aircraft and artillery positions round the camp, and the jungle road along which Molotov trucks were bringing up supplies.

The Second Assault

The second Vietminh assault was launched on March 30 on the eastern perimeter. Fighting was, if anything, fiercer than before, and General Giap seemed determined to obtain a victory at all costs regardless of losses.

Fighting was most bitter around the north-eastern posts "Eliane" and "Dominique", which changed hands as many as six times. Once again, paratroopers, Foreign Legionnaires, and Moroccan sharpshooters battled hand-to-hand with fresh Vietminh troops, who screamed wildly as they charged. De Castries had again to close in his defences, but on April 1, the Vietminh fury abated.

DANGEROUSLY REDUCED
During the following days, activity was concentrated on the north-west flank of the camp, and the Vietminh managed to occupy about a third of the airfield, and two strong-points, which had become impossible to supply. The area was thus dangerously narrowed down to some 700 yards. Volunteers from all units in the Red River delta carried out their first parachute jumps on this tiny stretch of airfield.

On April 18, Colonel de Castries was promoted Brigadier.

General. The stars, which are part of every French General's insignia, were parachuted to the camp, along with cases of brandy to celebrate the occasion. Unfortunately, some of it fell into the Vietminh lines.

There was a period of quite another feverish reinforcing of defences. The Vietminh continued shelling the airfield, and endeavouring to run their trenches even closer towards the central defence points.

The Geneva conference opened on April 26, but there was still no large-scale attack. Even as the talks began on Indo-China, however, late yesterday evening, General Giap launched his third assault.

Everyone in Hanoi is deeply aware that this is bound to be the decisive phase in the Dien Bien Phu battle, and that its result may profoundly affect the future of Indo-China.—France-Press.

King Hussein
Nominates
New Premier

Amman, May 2.

King Hussein today nominated Abu El Huda Tawfiq to form a new Cabinet, following the resignation of the Government, headed by Dr Fawzi Mulki.

The resignation had been expected for some time because of domestic and international factors and recent reported disharmony among the Ministers.

The disagreement hardened in April after the resignation of Ahmed Tugan, the Education Minister, necessitating a reshuffle of posts.

The new Prime Minister started consultations this evening. He is expected to complete his Cabinet tomorrow.

Abu El Huda Tawfiq was Prime Minister before Dr Mulki.—Reuters.

At Olympic Horse Trials



Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret in tweeds as they set out from Badminton House, Gloucestershire seat of the Duke of Beaufort, for a tour of the stables before watching the second day of the Olympic Horse Trials at Badminton held last week.—Reutersphoto.

"Short Sharp Shock"
Sentences Begin
For British Youths

London.

The first batch of 20 young offenders sent to the new Home Office detention centre at Goudhurst, Kent, experienced over Easter the early stages of "short, sharp shock" treatment. They will serve between one and six months there.

The treatment is designed for those who are not yet definitely anti-social, but need to be taught respect for the law.

It was first tried at Kildington, near Oxford.

The Kildington centre deals with boys aged 14 to 17. Goudhurst, opened about three weeks ago, is for those aged 17 to 21.

Offenders are committed there by magistrates within a radius of 80 miles, including those in London.

A staff of 18 officers with long experience of prison work has been chosen by the Prison Commissioners for the Kent centre. They see that the strictest discipline is maintained.

WARDEN'S OPTIMISM

The warden, who was deputy-governor of Winchester prison and has spent much time as a Borstal officer, said: "I am optimistic about this form of training." He emphasised that the centre was still in a formative stage.

Basically conditions will be the same as at Kildington. The moment an offender arrives he is deprived not only of his liberty but also of every element of what he thinks is a good time.

The centre can accommodate 80. It has been converted from an orphan's home, and the interior is freshly painted in cream and green. There is a 12ft-high steel wire mesh fence, topped by barbed wire.

GRANNIE'S LETTER
GIVES A CLUE

Liege, May 2.

A letter found on one of two Belgian Air Force corporals accused of sabotaging eight Thunderjet planes was from his grandmother.

She was surprised that he had not got leave, and asked: "Have you stopped another plane from leaving?"

Prisoners Want More
Singing Lessons

Stafford, May 2.

Extra choral classes have been arranged at Stafford goal to meet a demand for more singing lessons by older prisoners.

Younger prisoners prefer dramatics and art, said a report on prison education.—China Mail Special.

Complaints Of
Sinus
In Parliament

London, May 2.

Investigations are being made at the House of Commons into complaints of sinus trouble among M.P.s and members of the staff, Mr. Bevin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works, announced.

He was replying to a request from Dr Stross, Socialist M.P. for Stoke-on-Trent, for information about the drying up of the air and its effect on causing sinusitis. Dr Stross said that the humidity of the Chamber changed appreciably towards night-time.

Mr Bevin said that careful records of humidity in the Chamber were kept, but they did not show any appreciable change toward night-time. There was, however, a tendency for temperatures to rise when the House sat late (laughter) and when it was crowded at night.

As a result of experiments in the last few weeks it had been found beneficial to reduce the incoming air temperature to compensate for the heat radiated by members.

Royal Tour
Official Returns

London, May 2.

Viscount Althorp, 30, Acting Master of the Royal Household on Queen Elizabeth's Commonwealth tour, returned to London by air today from Tobruk.

The Queen gave him permission to cut short the tour to make arrangements for his wedding next month to the Hon. Frances Roche, 18, daughter of Lord Fermoy, a former Conservative member of Parliament.

The Queen is expected to attend the wedding with other members of the Royal family.—China Mail Special.

London, May 2.

The New China news agency said today that Marshal Kim Il Sung, Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, attacked "the American imperialists" and the Syngman Rhee clique in a May Day order of the day yesterday.

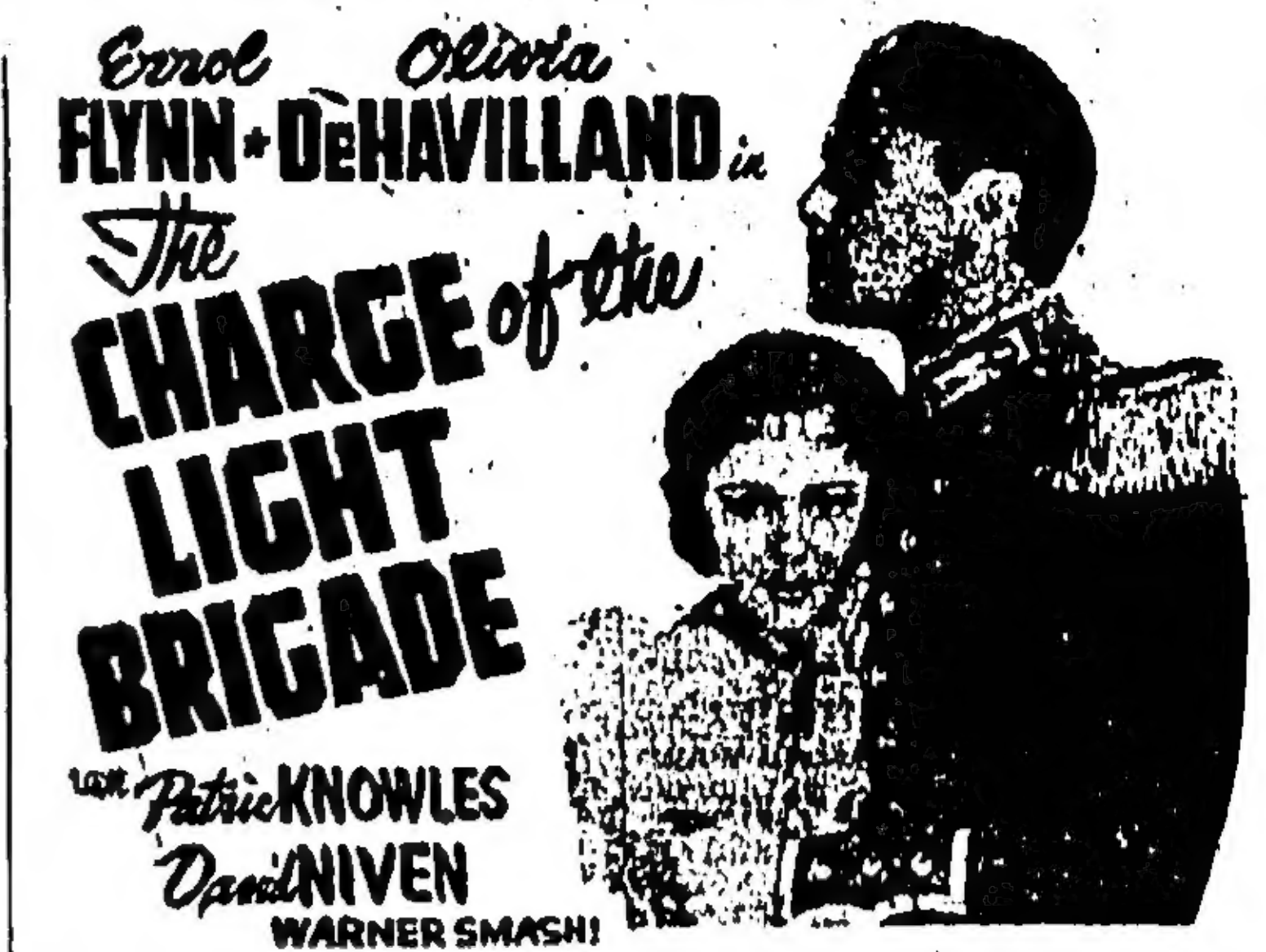
He said they had not abandoned their scheme of aggression against his country and added: "They still obstruct the peaceful settlement of the Korean question."—Reuters.

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Watch for: Gregory Peck in "The Million Pound Note"

R O X Y & BROADWAY

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AN AUSTRIAN PICTURE OF MUSIC & ROMANCE



ALSO LATEST PARAMOUNT NEWS

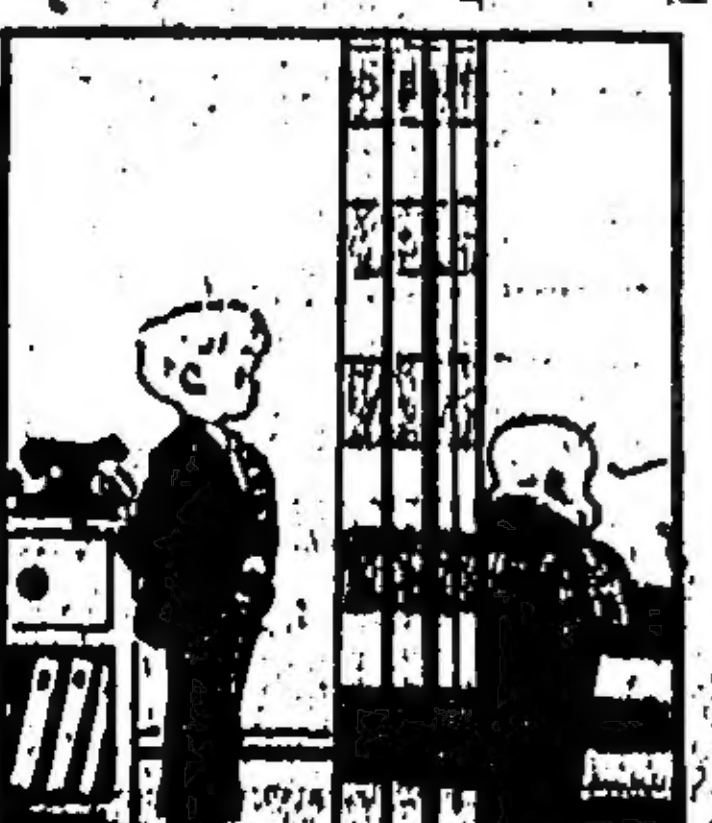
POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

Enjoyable Cookery	\$15.00
Baby Book	25.00
The Hongkong Countryside (Herklots)	25.00
Hongkong Birds (Herklots)	35.00
Coronation Glory	10.50
King George VI	10.50
It's Fun Finding Out — 2nd series (Bernard Wickstead)	5.00
Rupert Adventures (Annual)	4.00
The Magic Scroll	5.00
More Adventures of Rupert (Annual)	5.00
Rupert (Magazines)	1.00
No Hiding Place (Behind Scotland Yard)	10.00
Common Marine Food-Fishes of Hongkong (second enlarged edition)	24.00
Weights & Measurements	15.00
Chinese Creeds & Customs (V.R. Burkhardt) 4th Impression now ready	18.00

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Royal Children At Malta



Radio picture received from Malta showing Prince Charles and Princess Anne setting foot on the George Cross Island from the royal yacht Britannia. They are in the care of their great uncle and great aunt, Lord and Lady Mountbatten.—Central Press.

Malta Prepares Big Welcome For The Royal Family

Valetta, Malta, May 2.

Queen Elizabeth will step ashore tomorrow on this island which her father, King George VI decorated with the George Cross for its wartime courage.

As the Royal yacht, Britannia, approaches the island from Tobruk, Australian and New Zealand Air Force and Royal Navy jet planes based on Malta will fly past in greeting to the Royal family.

Then, as the Britannia prepares to enter the Grand Harbour, embattled wartime refugees of harassed convoys, bronzed Maltese gunners of the Army saluting battery in the ancient fort of Saint Elmo and Naval gunners in the shore establishments, H.M.S. Saint Angelina and H.M.S. Phoenix will fire Royal salutes of 21 guns.

Over the gaily decorated harbour will ring out Malta's many church bells. Youth organisations lining the breakwater arms will give a rousing welcome.

Naval helicopters will provide an escort off the breakwater. For the Queen, it will be a return to a place where as Princess Elizabeth she spent a happy holiday in 1949, when the Duke was serving with the Mediterranean Fleet.

On arrival, the Royal couple will receive on board the ship the Governor of Malta, Sir Gerald Cross, and Lady Cross, the Metropolitan Archbishop, Sir Michael Goz, and the Prime Minister, Dr. G. I. J. Olivier and Mrs. Olivier.

The Queen and the Duke will step ashore at the Custom House steps where a small tablet of marble, set into the well-worn stone, marks the spot where King George VI stepped on his wartime visit to the island.

Here the Queen will meet service and civilian personalities and inspect a Naval Guard of Honour.

On their way to the Governor's Palace, in Valetta, the Royal visitors will pass under lavishly decorated—some re-erected from Coronation year, others newly built from the £25,000 Malta is devoting to the Royal visit.

Over the ancient King's Gate, where the Queen and the Duke will enter the city, is an enormous Royal Coat of Arms in luminous paint which shines by day and night.—China Mail Special.

ANZUS Council Holds Long Meeting In Geneva

Geneva, May 2.

A 10-man council of the three ANZUS pact countries—the United States, Australia and New Zealand—held a 75-minute review of the political and military situation in Southeast Asia at an emergency meeting today.

The meeting was called by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, under Article Three of the 81-month-old ANZUS pact, under which the three countries pledged mutual defence aid if attacked.

Article Three says that the "parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence, or security of any of the parties is threatened in the Pacific."

Delegates would not comment on the significance, if any, of Mr. Dulles's invoking this section of the treaty for calling the meeting.

But reliable sources said Mr. Dulles made plain to the Australian and New Zealand representatives he was determined to push ahead with extending non-Communist defensive arrangements in Southeast Asia.

It was suggested that today's meeting might prove to be the first of a series of defence talks between the United States and other friendly countries bordering the Pacific.

Mr. Dulles and the External Affairs Ministers of Australia, Mr. Richard Casey, and of New Zealand, Mr. T. Clifton Webb, reaffirmed their determination that the ANZUS pact would not be upset or superseded by any other defensive bloc in Southeast Asia or the Pacific.

RECORDS KEPT

Records were kept of the meeting and it was decided that an agreed minute—not necessarily a full text—would be released to the British Government, as at past ANZUS gatherings.

But Commonwealth sources said this official minute would be supplemented by the fullest possible discussion of the meeting with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and his advisers.

Britain has made no secret of her annoyance at being excluded from the pact, and all three countries have agreed that Britain receive a complete briefing on all ANZUS talks.

It is understood Mr. Dulles referred again to the American-backed appeal by the French

for military aid in Indo-China which Britain and Commonwealth countries, including Australia and New Zealand, have not heeded.

But Mr. Dulles exerted no additional pressure on the two Commonwealth Ministers to change their views in the matter.

A delegate commented later: "It was an extremely friendly and smooth meeting."—Reuter.

American Song Writer Dead

Hollywood, May 2.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, 56, composer of many hit tunes, died yesterday after a long illness.

Songs for which Mr. Johnston wrote the music included "Femmes from Heaven," "Cocktails for Two," and "Thanks a Million."

He was a composer of music for films both here and in London.—Reuter.

Mr Dulles To Confer With Scelba Today

Milan, May 3.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, will hold talks today with the Italian Premier, Signor Mario Scelba, and the Foreign Minister, Signor Attilio Piccioni, on his way home from the Geneva conference.

It will be Signor Scelba's first meeting with Mr. Dulles, which Signor Piccioni requested on his behalf at the recent Atlantic Pact conference in Paris.

Political quarters in Rome said there would be no specific agenda for their talks but subjects to be discussed would include the Trieste problem, Italy's ratification of the European Defence Community, her attitude towards possible conversion of the Balkan Pact into a military alliance, emigration and American offshore orders to Italian industry.

Signor Scelba has repeatedly stated his Government does not subordinate E.D.C. ratification, now before Parliament, to the satisfaction of Italy's claims on the Trieste territory, but he has made clear that an acceptable solution of the long standing issue would greatly boost chances of obtaining a large Parliamentary majority for E.D.C. ratification.—Reuter.

To Catch Speeding Motorists

Wellington, May 3.

Microwave speed detectors, to enable New Zealand police to check speeding motorists, may soon be produced on a large scale by a firm of British manufacturers.

Tests of the apparatus in New Zealand have been so successful that sufficient of the detectors are being manufactured to supply traffic officers throughout the Dominion.—China Mail Special.

Outside London Life Is Dull For Tourists

London, May 2.

Outside London, say tourists, life in Britain is unbearably dull.

Sir Alexander Maxwell, chairman of the British Travel and Holidays Association, said that this was an invariable complaint.

"We are told that even in our liveliest resorts people are more or less compelled by lack of entertainment to go to bed by 10.30 or 11 o'clock."

"To many visitors, especially those from the Continent, the evening should be just beginning at this time—and it is not merely a question of licensing laws."

"Of course these do make life unnecessarily difficult for many people who wish to enjoy themselves in a normal way rather than cramming as many drinks as they possibly can to the detriment of their system or digestion, before the fatal hour of 10.30 p.m. or 11 p.m."

Sir Alexander, talking to the council of the association in London, said that last year American tourists brought in £26,000,000.

Russians Prefer Geraldo's Music To Stan Kenton's

Leonid Utyosov, Russia's chief melody-maker, believes American jazz bands are weaving "bare sound patterns without any content."

He claimed in a magazine article that Russians "do not think much of music in the style of Stan Kenton and Woody Herman."

But Britain's Geraldo and his Orchestra stand supreme in Soviet estimation—"they are real artists."

Utyosov, who is Art Director of the Russian State Variety Orchestra, wrote to News Magazine's English-language magazine to give his views on Western music.

Russians were "somewhat surprised" to find the music of Stan Kenton and Woody Herman enjoying the popularity it does among certain music lovers abroad.

"This type of music is nothing but bare sound patterns without any content, and we do not like it. The finest music, if there is nothing in it, cannot be called music. It is only a collection of rhythm, melody and harmony. As soon as one of these elements is missing there is no music."

Russian MVD Agent Appeals For His Wife And Son



Holding photographs of his wife Yanina, 32, and son Alexander Nikolayevich, 1½, is Captain Khokhlov of the Russian MVD secret police who surrendered to the American authorities in Frankfurt, Germany, where he had been sent to murder an anti-Communist Russian. He has appealed to the Russians to release his wife and son and allow them to join him in America.—Reuterphoto.

No British Troops For Indo-China Says Aneurin Bevan

Leeds, Yorkshire, May 2.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the left-wing of the Labour Party, said today Britain should tell the United States that "we are not prepared to send one soldier to Indo-China to support French imperialism."

He told a May Day rally: "It would have been much better if that had been said to the United States much earlier."

"Men's lives would have been saved and the Geneva conference would have been much easier if America and not been allowed to believe that whatever she said Britain would back."

Mr. Bevan contended that unless the richer Governments of West were prepared to spend more on raising the standard of living of backward people, "nothing will stop the revolutionists from spending more or stopping us reaching the edge of a third world war."

Mr. Bevan claimed that "there have always been divisions of opinion in the Labour Party." This was a reference to the state of the Party following his resignation from the Labour "shadow cabinet" in Parliament through disagreements with the leadership.

He said there was a difference of opinion in the governing Conservative Party.

Referring to 85,000 British troops in the Suez Canal zone, he said 35 to 40 Conservative Members of Parliament had told the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, that if he dared to evacuate them, they would vote against their own Party.

Mr. Bevan said it cost Britain £85,000,000 a year to keep troops in the Canal zone, yet "there is not a single high ranking military authority in Great Britain who will come forward to say that they are of any military value at all."

"They are only there because Sir Winston Churchill is an old fashioned early 19th century

imperialist who won't face the danger to a negotiated settlement in Asia is provided by the lunatic fringe in the American Senate—those who want to destroy Communist China, those who want to embark on a holy crusade against Communism and those who think that the interests of the people of Asia will be served by putting all the resources of modern warfare behind French imperialism in Indo-China," he said.—Reuter.

GAITSKELL'S VIEW

Hull, May 3.

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, said last night that complete freedom for Indo-China was long overdue.

"These people must be given their independence just as we gave India, her independence," he told a May Day demonstration.

He said he had come back from the Commonwealth conference of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in Pakistan with the deep conviction that the principles of Commonwealth unity were the ideals of the Labour movement in Britain.

NO DIFFERENCE

He thought there was no real difference in the fundamental principles of the Labour foreign policy.

It must be the foreign policy of any Socialist Government to bring freedom and democracy to all the peoples of the world.

In a reference to the recent disagreement within the party on German rearmament and the subsequent resignation of left-winger Aneurin Bevan from the party's shadow cabinet, Mr. Gaitskell said that the Labour Party believed in people thinking for themselves.

It was not a Socialist party, he said, but a party which was difficult to lead. He said that many of the party's members were not of the opinion that there should be a difference of opinion.—Reuter.

Plans For Town In New Forest For 40,000 Londoners

London.

Planning officers of the Socialist-controlled London County Council and the Hampshire County Council, which has an Independent majority, will have talks within the next few days on proposals to build an over-spill town of 40,000 people in the heart of the New Forest, according to London reports.

They may discuss methods of overcoming the strong opposition of the local council. This body has voted against having anything further to do with the scheme.

The Hampshire authorities are in favour of some form of new town, but alternative sites may be proposed.

An official of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District Council said: "We know that the further talks are taking place despite our opposition. We shall watch the developments closely."

This is the latest development in the relentless efforts of the L.C.C. to house its over-spill population.

The tentacles of the London octopus are wriggling and searching over an area mainly within a radius of 100 miles from County Hall.

In some cases it has been the L.C.C. which has made the first approach. In others the local council, hearing of the efforts of London to find space, have made offers to the authority.

Nantwich, in Cheshire, which was well beyond the distance London contemplated moving people, made such an approach and talks were held.

Recently the Minister of Housing said this was too far away, and the scheme has been dropped.

Under the expanded towns scheme it is hoped to move some 350,000 people, together with industry to support them, to outlying areas, some very remote from London, within the next 20 years.

MINISTER'S ROLE

The council hopes to achieve agreement with the local authority and proceed on a friendly basis. If it meets opposition, or if the local or county authority meets individual opposition, an appeal can be made to Mr. Macmillan, Minister of Housing and Local Government.

At Swindon last week a compulsory purchase order was confirmed for the council to obtain 245 acres of valuable farm land for housing 5,000 people from London under the over-spill scheme.

It is probable that Swindon will later this year make attempts to acquire a further 700 acres.

The L.C.C.'s approach was rejected at Edenbridge by the Conservative-controlled Kent County Council, which has refused permission for development there. There is a strong feeling that London will, at a later date, appeal to the Minister.

The Kent authorities are prepared to fight and to stage a strong case in support of their refusal. They claim that

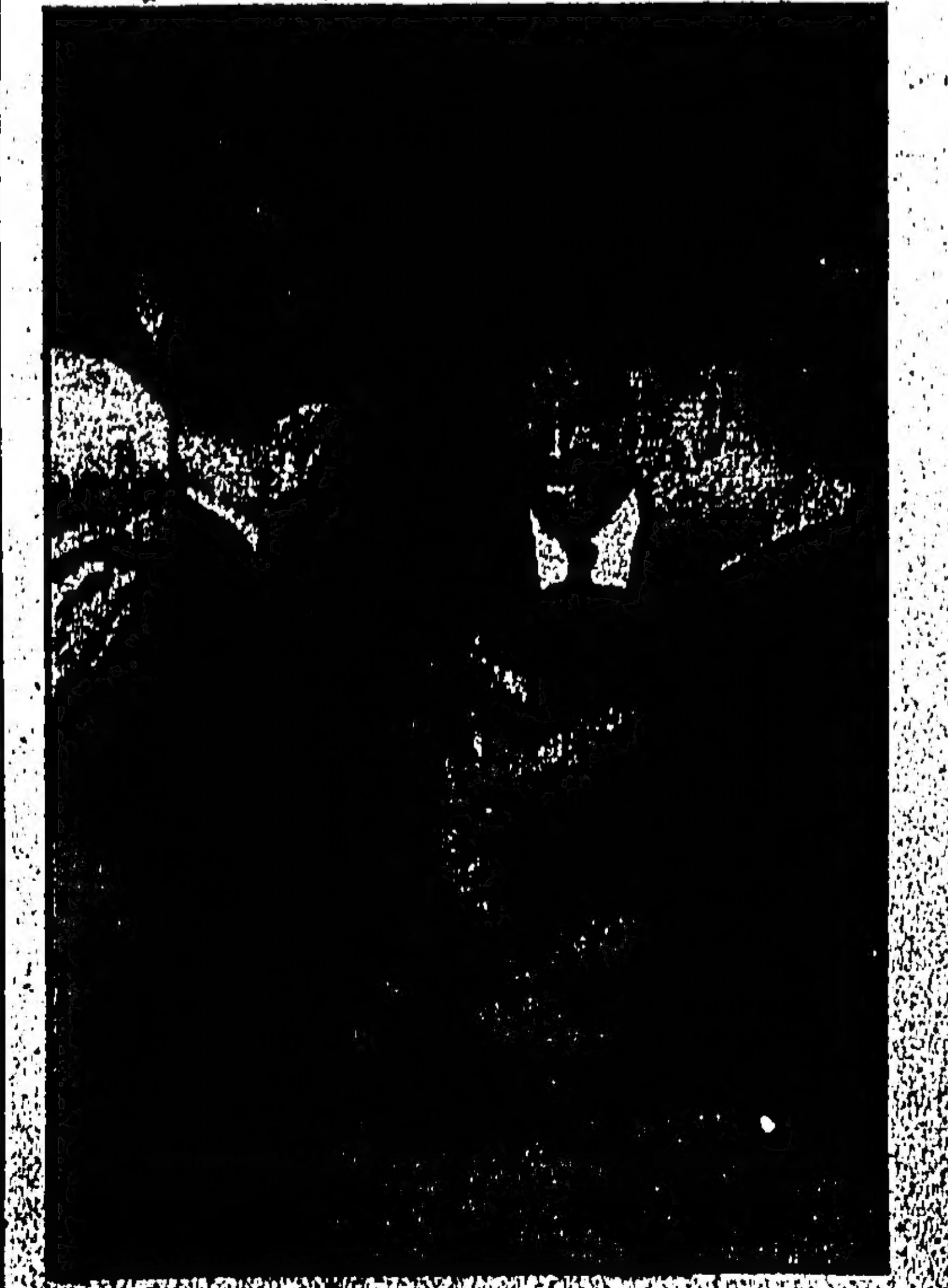
Restitution Sought For Victims

Munich, May 2.

Two hundred former Nazi party officials and members of an "Association of Denazification Victims," at a rally here today, demanded "moral, legal and economic restitution" for people interned after the war and dealt with by denazification courts.

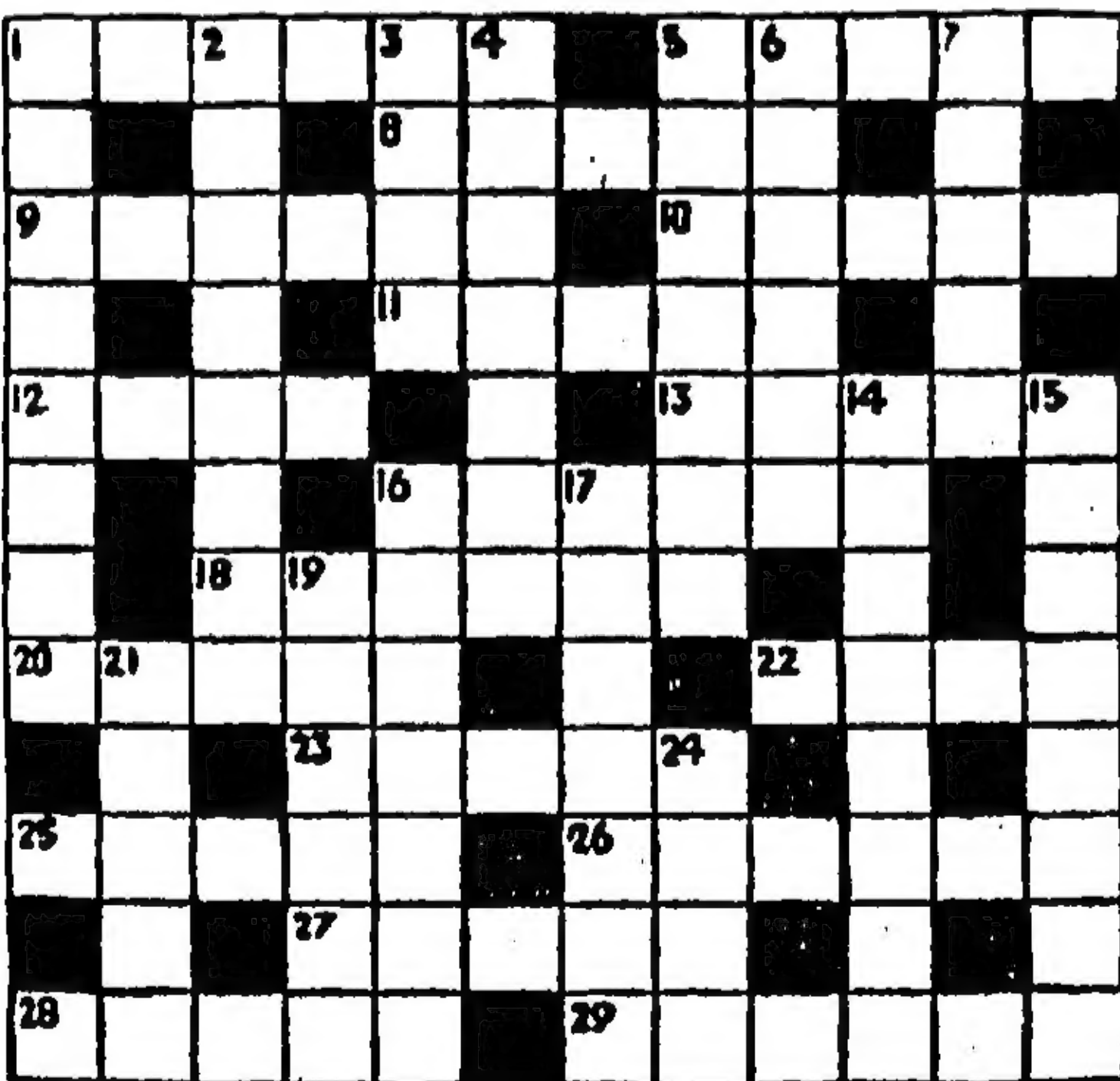
The chairman of the Association of the Bavarian branch suggested that the restitution should be financed by a 50 per cent tax on all capital acquired between 1945 and 1949.—Reuter.

South Korean Minister At Geneva



The South Korean Minister, Mr. Kim, (centre) pictured in Geneva on the arrival of the Minister for the Republic of Korea on the first Korean ship.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Subtract (6).
 - Amusing (5).
 - Musical instrument (5).
 - Carry on again (6).
 - Weight (5).
 - Humble (5).
 - Rescue (4).
 - Feeling (5).
 - Kind of wool (6).
 - Animal (5).
 - Twangy (5).
 - Yearn (4).
 - Mixed rain and snow (5).
 - Torrent (5).
 - Heavenly (5).
 - Space (5).
 - Nobleman (5).
 - Proper time (6).
- DOWN
- Scorn (5).
 - Disown (5).
 - Stupid (4).
 - Voices (7).
 - Festive carousal (7).
 - Oblige to live within limits of country (6).
 - Dance (5).
 - Seeks by cotton (5).
 - Number (5).
 - Used in croquet (7).
 - Withdraws (7).
 - Church festival (6).
 - Sufficient (5).
 - Weary (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Lamb, 7 Burst, 8 Inns, 9 Haul, 10 Cabaret, 12 Last, 15 Power, 18 Leaf, 19 Array, 21 Amble, 22 Obedy, 23 Timid, 25 Eggs, 29 Deduced, 30 Kilt, 31 Magi, 32 Merit, 33 Port, Down: 1 Russia, 2 Decapies, 3 Abate, 5 Bill, 6 Onus, 9 Howe, 11 Root, 13 Air, 14 Tort, 16 Rabb, 17 Race, 18 Ling, 20 Redness, 22 Omen, 24 Idler, 25 Sople, 27 Gail, 28 Skip.

THE NEAPOLITANS ARE POOR, BUT THEY ARE HAPPY

By Bernard Ronald

SUNSHINE, song and alums, shared by huge families, in the setting in Naples, this city of romance — and life in the raw.

The average Neapolitan, it would seem, is a freak of nature. He is desperately poor (and I mean desperately) with little or no prospects of enjoying a reasonable standard of living. Yet this average Neapolitan is, nevertheless, as happy as the proverbial sandboy.

The first thing I noticed when I arrived in Naples was that our Neapolitan sings all day to his work, he serenades the stars over a glass of wine in the evening and, as he and his colleagues make merry with their mandolins and guitars, the watching tourists must think (and do think) that the Neapolitans haven't a care in the world.

Yet the average earnings of the Neapolitan breadwinner are less than £4 a week—about 13 shillings a day—to keep families which, more often than not, run into double figures. To keep them, what is more, in a country where meat is 7 shillings a pound and a 2 lb. loaf costs 1s. 6d.

Four out of every ten men in this port of over one million inhabitants are unemployed. They cannot find a steady job in an office or factory because there are too few industries in an area where agriculture is the main occupation.

Bubbling Over

Yet the Neapolitan is a gay signor, bubbling over with the joy of living, wearing a smile as broad as his sunbaked face. Living in misery does not stop him from being merry. Yet how many millions of other Europeans who are much better off go through life with a melancholy air, a semi-frown constantly on their faces? If we see a man singing at the top of his voice in a street in Britain we think he is "off his nut" and the police would probably keep a careful eye on him, while even his closest friends would start to worry about his mental state.

Just why the Neapolitan is so gay and carefree is a question which defies the psychologists. It seems he is born with melody and mirth, just as he is born with an olive skin and black curly hair. Certainly good spirits are infectious in this picturesque town of whitewashed houses, flanked by the grandiose of Vesuvius where the sky is azure, the Mediterranean a very deep blue and the panorama is bathed in bright, warm sunshine.

Little wonder the town produced a singer like Caruso, and no wonder at all why Neapolitan songs are famous the world over. Nor, as one watches the flashing-eyed alghorinas twirling to the "Tarantella", while mandolin music floats across the Bay, does one wonder that romance blooms here like a perennial flower.

In fact, it might be said to be a special product of Naples or, as much part and parcel of the daily scene as the catches of fish at the port, the tomatoes growing on the hills or the vineyards and the old world churches.

Naples is a "must" for all Italian honeymooning couples, whether they come from Indurina Milan, art-loving Florence, or Rome the capital. It attracts the young and the old, for dozens of British and American army officers, from brigadier-generals to colonels and captains, are living in sunny retirement in villas on the coast.

The Neapolitans are the happiest people in the world. They are also probably the most superstitious.

Their greatest fear is of the "malocchio"—a man with a squint or with a reputation of bringing bad luck to those who cross his path.

Only Protection

I spoke with Salvatore, a husky lorry driver. He had a huge pair of cattle horns on the radiator of his truck and a brightly painted inscription: "God gave us from our adversaries" on the cabin.

He told me: "The only protection against the malocchio are horns, the bigger the better. If I did not have them, a man with a squint would curse me. If I just missed him in one of the narrow streets and that would be the end of me and my lorry."

I went into a bar. There was a pair of horns by the till. "They keep the evil eyes of thieves away," the barman told me. "There were more horns in the restaurant and in the garage. Shops do a roaring business with them. Demand is so great they are always in short supply."

Most Neapolitan families live crowded together in tiny one-roomed flats. Space is at a premium. So the women take their washbaths outside and do the family laundry in the street. So do the artisans, the men who make wooden toys, shoes, picture frames and other things at home. The pavement is the business centre of the town. For everything and anything is sold outdoors, from fruit to furniture, cutlery to clothing, old paintings to new and used motor cars.

In this town of out-of-doors activity, anything goes. People do just what they like, dress how they like, and sing as loud and as long as they like. For in Naples life is in the raw. But life is fun at that.

The new exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE and JOHN DICKSON CARR

MADAME Taupin's exhibition is too well known to need any general description. But I was unpleasantly impressed by the tableau called "The History of a Crime." The scenes were most lifelike in both effect and colour, with the wigs and small swords of the eighteenth century. Had I in fact been guilty of those mythical gambling lapses charged upon me by Holmes' ill-timed sense of humour, the display might well have harassed my conscience.

This was especially so when we lowered our heads under the iron railing, and approached the two gamblers in the mimic room.

"Drat it, Nellie, don't touch them cards!" cried Mr. Baxter, much more testy and irascible in his own domain. But his tone changed as he spoke to me. "Look there, sir! There's, he counted slowly, 'there's nine cards in the wicked wrong 'un's hand. And sixteen in the young gentleman's."

"Listen!" whispered the young lady. "Isn't someone walking about upstairs?"

"Drat it, Nellie, it's only Bob Parsnip. Who else would it be?"

"As you said, the cards on the table are not much disarranged," I remarked. "Indeed, the small pile in front of your 'young gentleman' is not disarranged at all. Twelve cards lie at his elbow—"

"Ah, and nineteen by the wrong 'un. Funny card game, sir!"

I agreed and, curiously repulsed by the touch of waxen fingers against my own, I put the various sets of playing cards into four marked envelopes, and hastened up from the stuffy den. Miss Baxter and her grandfather, despite the latter's horrified protest, I insisted on sending home in a stray cab whose driver had

just deposited some hopelessly intoxicated gentleman against his own door.

I was not sorry to return to the snug warmth of my friend's sitting-room. To my dismay, however, Holmes had risen from the couch. He was standing by his desk with the green-shaded lamp, eagerly studying an open atlas and supported by a crutch under his right arm.

"Enough, Watson!" he aliened my protests. "You have the envelopes? Good, good! Give them to me. Thank you. In the hand of the older gambler, the wax figure with his back turned, were there not nine cards?"

"Holmes, this is amazing! How could you have known that?"

"Logic, my dear fellow. Now let us see."

"One moment," I said firmly. "You spoke earlier of a crutch, I'm sure, but you have not mentioned it at such short notice? That is an extraordinary crutch. It seems to be constructed of some lightweight metal, and shines where the rays of the lamp—"



"Yes, yes, I already had it in my possession."

"Already had it?"

"It is made of aluminium, and is the relic of a case before my biographer came to glorify me. I have already mentioned it to you, but have forgotten. Now be good enough to forget the crutch while you examine these cards. Oh, beautiful, beautiful!"

Were all the jewels of Golconda spread out before him, he could not have been more ecstatic. He even rejoiced when I told him what I had seen and heard.

"What, you are still in the dark? Then do you take these nine cards, Watson? Put them upon the desk in their order, and announce the name of each as you do so."

"Knave of diamonds," said I, placing the cards under the lamp, "seven of hearts, ace of clubs—Good heavens, Holmes!"

"Do you see anything, then?"

"Yes. There are two aces of clubs, one following the other!"

"Did I not call it beautiful? But you have counted only four cards. Proceed with the remaining five."



"Deuce of spades," said I, "ten of hearts, merciful powers, here is a third ace of diamonds!"

"And what do you deduce from that?"

"Holmes, I think I see light. Madame Taupin's is famous for its real-life effects. The older wax figure is a brazen gambler, who is depicted as cheating the young man. By a subtle effect, they have shown him as holding false cards for his winning hand."

"Hardly subtle, I fancy. Even so brazen a gambler as yourself, Watson, would surely feel some embarrassment at putting down a winning hand which contained no less than three knaves of diamonds and three aces of clubs?"

"Yes, there are difficulties."

"Further. If you count all the cards, both those in the hands and upon the table, you will observe that their total number is fifty-six—which is four more than I, at least, am accustomed to use in one pack. But what can it mean? What is the answer to our problem?"



The atlas lay upon the desk where Holmes had thrown it down when I gave him the envelopes. Snatching up the book, gazing as he staggered and all but fell on that curious crutch, he eagerly opened the book, and, as if he were about to be trying to escape himself against the wall, he read, "On the

Concluding:

THE ADVENTURE OF THE WAX GAMBLERS

"Holmes, my question concerned the answer to our problem."

"This is the answer to our problem."

Though I am the most long suffering of men, I protested strongly when he packed me off upstairs to my old room. I believed that I should get no sleep upon the rack of this mystery, yet I slept heavily, and it was nearly eleven o'clock when I descended to breakfast.

Sherlock Holmes, who had already breakfasted, again sat upon the sofa. I was glad of my clean, fresh shave when I found him deep in conversation with Miss Eleanor, whose timidity was lessened by his easy manner.

Yet something in the gravity of his face arrested my hand as I rang the bell for refreshments and eggs.

"Miss Baxter," said he, "though there still remains an objection to my hypothesis, the time has come to tell you something of great importance. But what the devil—"

Our door had suddenly dashed open. To be precise, it was kicked open with a crash. But this had been done only as a just by the man, who kicked it, for his loud, overburdened burst of laughter rang like a broken trumpet.

In the aperture stood a burly, red-faced gentleman with a shining hat, a costly frockcoat open over a white waistcoat to show the diamonds on his watch-guard, and the single flaming ruby in his cravat.

Though not so tall as Holmes, he was far broader and heavier; indeed, with a figure not unlike my own. His loud laugh rang out again, and his cunning little eyes flashed, as he held up a leather bag and shook it.

"Here you are, cullery!" cried he. "You're the Scotland Yard man, ain't you? A thousand gold sovereigns, and all yours for the asking!"

"You don't interest me, my man!"

"Indeed? and yet, with your sporting proclivities, I feel sure you must be interested in cards."

"Cards?"

"Playing cards," said Holmes blandly, taking some from his dressing gown pocket and holding them up fanwise. "In fact, these nine cards."



"What the devil's all this?"

"It is a singular fact, Sir Gervase, that a casual visitor to the Room of Horrors—on passing the gambling tableau—can see the cards in the hand of a certain wax figure without even giving them more than an innocent-appearing glance."

"Now some strange tampering was done one night with these cards. The cards in the hand of the other player, the 'young gentleman', had not even been touched, as was shown by their dusty and gritty condition. But some person, a certain person, had removed a number of cards from the hand of the so-called 'wrong 'un', throwing them down on the table, and, further, had added four cards from no less than two extra packs."

"Why was this done? It was not because someone wished to play a practical joke, in creating the illusion that wax dummies were occupied in reckless gambling. Had that been the culprit's motive, he would have moved the imitation gold coins as well as the cards. But the coins were not moved."

"The true answer is simple and indeed obvious. There are twenty-six letters in our alphabet, and twenty-two multiplied, gives us fifty-two; the number of cards in a pack. Supposing that we were arbitrarily to choose one card for each letter, we could easily make a childish, elementary form of substitution-cipher."

Sir Gervase Darlington's metal laugh blared shrilly.

"Substitution-cipher," jeered he, with his red hand at the ruby in his cravat. "What's that, hey? What's the fool talkin' about?"

"—which would be betrayed, however," said Holmes, "should Holmes, 'I have no doubt you contain a double 'v' or a double 's'. Let us imagine, therefore, that the 'knave of diamonds' stands for the letter 'v' and the 'ace of clubs' for the letter 's'."

"Holmes," I interposed, "this may be inspiration. But it is not logic. Why should you think a message must contain these letters?"

Miss Eleanor Baxter, while-faced, uttered a little "mewing cry" and seemed to be trying to escape herself against the wall.

"Sir Gervase," cried I, "you will kindly refrain from using

"Because already I knew the message itself. You told it to me."

"I told you?"

"Tut, Watson. If these cards represent the letters indicated, we have a double 'v' towards the beginning of the word and a double 's' at the end of it. The first letter of the word, we perceive, must be 's', and there is an 'e' before the double 's' at the end. No cunning is required to give us the word 'Sheerness'."

"But what in the world has Sheerness?" I began—

"Geographically, you will find it towards the mouth of the Thames," I interrupted. "But it is also, you informed me, the name of a horse owned by Lord Howe. Though this horse has been entered for the Grand National, you told me that little is expected of it. But if the horse has been trained with the utmost secrecy as another smashing winner like Bengal Lady—"

"There would be a tremendous killing," said I, "for any gambler who could learn that well-guarded secret and back the horse!"

Sherlock Holmes held up the fan of cards in his left hand.

"My dear Miss Eleanor Baxter," cried he, with a sorrowful sternness, "why did you let Sir Gervase Darlington persuade you? Your grandfather would not like to hear that you used the wax exhibition to leave this message—telling Sir Gervase what he wished to know without even speaking to him, writing to him, or approaching within a mile of him."

"Sawbones interfering, eh?"

Now, I am the first to admit that it was luck rather than judgment, though perhaps I may add that I am quicker on my feet than my friend's master screamed.

Despite the pain of his ankle, Sherlock Holmes again leaped from the sofa.

"By Jove, Watson! A fine left on the mark and right to the head I never witnessed! You've guessed him so hard he will be unconscious for ten minutes!"

"Yet I trust," said I, blowing upon my cracked knuckles, "that poor Miss Baxter has not been unduly distressed by the crash with which he struck the floor? It would also grieve me to alarm Mrs. Hudson, whom I hear approaching with bacon and eggs."

"Good old Watson!"

"Why do you smile, Holmes? Have I said something else of a humorous character?"

"No, no. Heaven forbid! Yet sometimes I suspect that I may be much shallower, and you far more deep, than customarily I am wont to believe."

"Your satire is beyond me. However, there is the evidence. But you must not publicly betray even Sir Gervase Darlington, lest you betray Miss Baxter as well!"

"Humph! I have a score to settle with that gentleman, Watson. His offer to open for me a career as a professional boxer I could not in honesty resent. In his way, it is a great compliment. But to confuse me with a Scotland Yard detective! That was an insult I fear, which I can neither forget nor forgive."

"You might have destroyed the evidence before too late, if on the first night your grandfather had told you what was amiss in the museum. But he did not tell you until the following night when both he and Robert Parsnip were there, and you could not be alone. However, I do not wonder you protested when he wished to see me. Later, as Doctor Watson quite unconsciously told me, you tried to seize and scatter the cards in the wax figure's hand."

"Holmes," cried I, "enough to such torture! The true culprit is not Miss Baxter, but this ruffian, who stands and laughs at us!"

"Believe me, Miss Baxter, I would not distress you," said Holmes. "I have no doubt you learned by accident of Sheerness's powers. Sporting peers will speak quite carelessly when they hear only the name of an adjoining room. But Sir Gervase, long before he was so carefully watched, must have urged you to keep your hand open and communicate with him in the inebriated way

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"No! Never! Never!"

"Holmes, how many favours have I ever asked of you?"

"Well, well, have it as you please. We shall keep the cards only as a last resort, should that sleeping beauty again misbehave. As for Miss Baxter—"

"I loved him!" cried the poor young lady passionately. "Oh, well, at least, I thought I did."

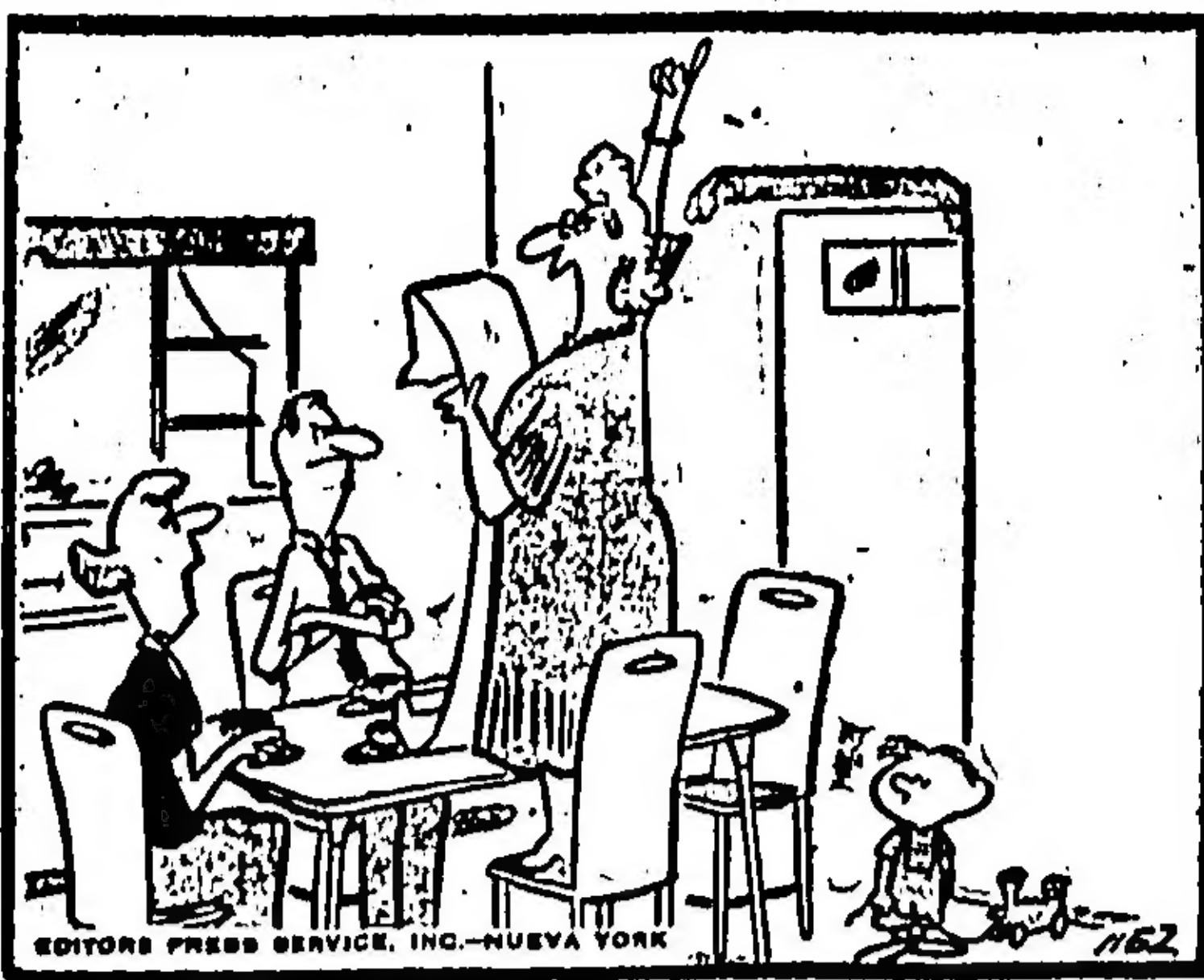
"In any event, Miss Baxter, Watson shall remain silent as long as you like. He must not speak until some long, long distant date when you, perhaps as an ancient great-granddame, shall smile and give your leave. Half a century is that, you will have forgotten all about Sir Gervase Darlington."

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"I really wish you wouldn't interfere like this, mother."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

MAKERS of fancy goods are reported to be investigating the anomalies of the purchases tax. They have discovered that the tax on an egg-timer in Leicester is 25 percent, but in Wales 70 percent.

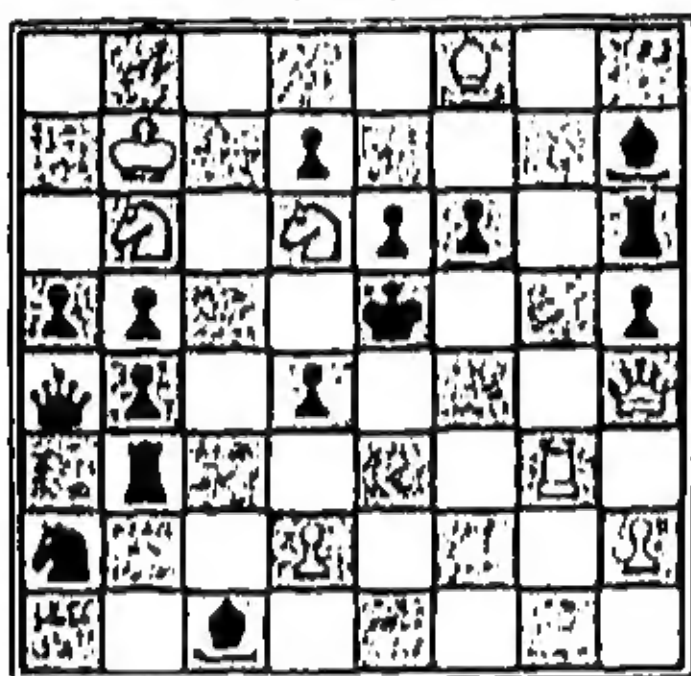
On bowls of chain flowers in the tax is 25 per cent, but if the flowers are not in the most there is no tax.

Can any official tell me, without looking it up, what the tax on wooden fagot - containers (unvarnished) is in Galanella, and whether home-made less than four inches in diameter are taxed or untaxed in Sidmouth on a wet Thursday in February? In Leominster you may buy tax free a telephone on a Thursday afternoon, if you swear before a J.P. that it is to be used to open a bottle of non-alcoholic drink for personal consumption, and not to prop up a broken bicycle or wedge open a faulty window in a fish-warehouse within eight statute miles of the town.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ABERLOM

Black, 15 pieces



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Kt—R1, any; 2. Q, or P mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 3

BORN today, you have excellent judgment; are hopeful and happy about life and usually manage to look on the bright side of things. No matter what happens, your love for all humanity clearly outweighs all your other characteristics. You make sacrifices for others, yet you have a good head for business and usually come out on the right side of the ledger. What is good for others turns out, in the long run, to be good for you, too.

You have excellent taste and could make a career out of being an art critic if you wished. Your capacity for friendship is great and you will have a large circle of them. Popular

with members of the opposite sex, you have a tendency to be flirtatious. This is true, especially of the members of the fair sex. You have so many admirers that you may have difficulty in selecting any one of them as a partner.

Among those who were born on this date are: Jacob Rius, social reformer and author; Mary Astor and John Astor, actresses; and Let M. Morrill, an early governor of Maine.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding prediction.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Pay attention to private personal matters this evening. Catch up on important letter writing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Don't get impulsively on information which is not authenticated by someone whose opinions you trust.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Keep your ultimate goal in mind. Work hard and each day you will move nearer approach it.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—True, give attention to important details. Yet, don't get too bogged down with non-essentials, either.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Protect your own interests today. If you don't, who will? It's up to you to be stern about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Waste no time on things which are not pertinent to your major objective. See that you make real progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Learn to conserve your energy and play in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Work hard during the daytime hours so that you may make the evening for relaxing pleasures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—If you have a constructive plan to offer, then only should you be critical of another's idea.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—By being natural and genuinely cooperative, you may turn a casual acquaintance into a lifelong friend.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Tackle the most difficult job first, today, and you will find that all else seems easy by comparison.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Holding to a carefully-planned budget may

DUMB-BELLS

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE POUND DEAR!

PERHAPS DIDN'T POUND IT ENOUGH

THE POUND DEAR!

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

There's Trouble In High Level Bids

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By OSWALD JACOBY

EVEN experts have trouble with hands in which both sides bid to a high level. It becomes difficult to tell which side the hand really "belongs" to, and it becomes equally difficult to tell when your side gets out of its depth.

To put it specifically, the question is: Should you double, pass, or bid some more?

When you try to answer this question, you must consider many different factors: what you think the opponents can make, what you think your side can make, the suitability of your hand for offense and for defense.

If you are the last person to speak, you must make a decision; but if the bidding will surely give your partner another chance to speak, you must avoid definite action with an indefinite set of hand.

The point is illustrated in today's hand. South has a perfectly sound overall of one spade. North's jump to four spades was a bit on the sporting side, but quite reasonable. South would be able to make four spades with many hands that were just minimum overcalls of one spade; and if the enemy decided to bid five of either red suit, North was ready for them.

East's bid of five diamonds was a stab. He couldn't tell whether or not four spades could be made and decided to believe the opponents. It was clear that five diamonds couldn't be badly hurt.

When East took a stab at five diamonds there was no need for South to do anything at all. If South had held more defensive strength, he could double. If South had held all of his strength in spades and none elsewhere, he could properly bid five spades. With his actual hand the right course was to sit back and let North make the decision. North would have been happy to double, of course, and the contract of five diamonds would have been defeated.

When South tried to bid for his partner as well as for himself, he was justly punished. He doubled, and the contract of five spades was set three tricks for a penalty of 500 points.

There wasn't much to the play. West opened his hand with the heart, and dummy won with the ace. Declarer tackled the trumps at once, and West took his two trump tricks. West then led the queen of diamonds. There was no way for South to prevent the loss of a diamond, a club, and a heart in addition to the two trump tricks.

At any rate, there they were today, sitting under the Cherry Tree in Ting-a-Ling's garden, talking about all sorts of things.

Invention of Grass

"Now I wonder," Ting-a-Ling said, "whether I ever told you the story of how grass was invented."

Knarf and Hanid replied in astonishment that they never knew that anyone had ever invented grass at all. "I always thought it just grew," said Hanid.

"It does," said Ting-a-Ling, "at least that's what it does now. But the story goes that grass was once invented. And this is how it came about."

Ting-a-Ling made himself comfortable. He passed the bowl of cherries around to Knarf and Hanid, helped himself to some, and finally began.

Long, Long Ago

"It was long, long ago when the world that we see now was young. There were trees and plants and bushes—and vines and blossoms and goldfish and Acorns and chestnuts and pine needles and pine cones."

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

Your Feet Need Frequent Glamour Treatment



A DRY STONE works wonders in removing hair from legs. Rub it over the leg with a circular motion. Use once or twice a week.

By Helen Follett

SOME of the new dress slippers consist of little more than a thin, flexible leather sole and a few straps of gleaming gold kid. Hosiery is delicate and sheer.

Both shoe and stocking styles show off your feet. This means a frequent pedicure is an important part of the beauty programme.

Trim your toenails before your bath, not afterwards. Clippers are better than scissors. If you use scissors have curved ones of strong steels.

After a bath, the cuticle surrounding the toenails will be soft, in condition for treatment. Apply a cuticle cream, use the orangewood stick to lift the flesh away from the nail base. If you

flush up any little shreds, snip them away carefully. Don't press the flesh down at the nail bases; you may injure the matrix, have a deformed nail for your trouble.

If you have corns, friction them with a toilet pumice stone. Don't attempt any amateur surgery on corns or ingrowing nails. If they bother you to the point of discomfort, seek professional services.

Apply your nail polish in a thin coat. Let it dry, then put on another one. When doing this, place cotton pads between your toes so that the polish will not run down between them.

When you beautify your feet, give your legs a glamour treatment, too. Shear hose show them up. Make sure you remove hair as legs will look smooth and attractive.

Sisters Send Chrysanthemum Seeds Globally To Spread Goodwill...

New York.

A SHOWER of chrysanthemum seeds is being strewn in gardens from Israel to Manila from the skyscraper heights of New York's Chrysler building.

Two sisters who believe that flowers can be the language of international love, as well as romantic affection, are sending the seeds to governments, schools, garden clubs and any other civic-minded group desiring to share chrysanthemum beauty.

HOW IT STARTED

A project that started as a memorial to their mother has become a global flower growing programme—and the seeds are from an especially hardy strain of "mum" developed on the Illinois shore of Lake Michigan and packaged in an office in the Chrysler Tower.

Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, widow of the pioneer advertising man and one-time chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board, and her sister, Mrs. Allmon Fordyce, have been distributing the "mum" seeds for 10 years. And

the project has given them nothing except satisfaction.

Their mother, Mrs. Sara J. Woodard, devoted much of her life to persuading officials of various cities to establish parks. After her death, they decided that they would beautify New York parks in her memory. A university of Chicago botanist had perfected a new, hardy strain of chrysanthemum on the Lasker's Lake Forest, Ill., estate, and enough plants to bear 2,000,000 brightly-hued blossoms were transplanted to New York and placed in five park areas for public enjoyment.

Every year, the park department gives Mrs. Lasker and Mrs. Fordyce the seeds from the dead "mum" blossoms. They package them and send them to flower lovers the world over.

ONE STIPULATION

The chrysanthemum donors have only one stipulation: No seeds are sent to individuals for planting in private gardens. The seeds must be used for community projects or be planted where anyone can pause to look at the blooms.

"When we first started, we sent seeds to hospitals, institutions and park departments," Mrs. Fordyce said. "Now we send them to any group that wants them for a worthwhile cause."

"We have a planting at Windsor castle and at a London home for the aged. There is one in Curcena, and garden clubs all over Chile are planting our seeds."

SEEDS SOWN WIDELY

The average packet sent by the sisters contains enough seeds for a half-acre planting of "mums." One planting can lead to many others, as in a Rhode Island city, where a garden club has established a chrysanthemum "bank." Three or four women plant the seeds and get the plants started, and then distribute them around the city.

"Mums" are autumn-blooming flowers and must be planted before the end of April. This year's shipments of seeds have gone to a woman convict who wants a prison garden, the Syracuse, N. Y., airport, an upstate New York Catholic retreat, and various groups throughout the world.

"We not only got letters from people requesting seeds," Mrs. Fordyce said, "but the amazing thing is how many people are willing to take the trouble to write afterwards and thank us and tell us how beautiful the flowers were."—United Press.

NEW WAYS WITH EVERYDAY FOOD

MEALTIME miscellany today, leading off with a recipe for delicious sweet potato balls.

Combine 2 c. mashed sweet potatoes with 1 beaten egg, 2 tsp. sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt. Shape into 4 to 6 balls, putting 1 tsp. of peanut butter in the centre of each.

Roll balls in cracker meal, coating well. Fry in deep hot fat (375° F.) until delicately browned. Drain on absorbent paper and serve.

Meat Loaf again, yes, but glamorized with a stuffing. Combine and mix well, 1 1/2 lb. veal and 8 oz. pork, both ground, 2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. minced onion, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. sage, 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 2 tsp. finely chopped green pepper, a grated garlic bud, 2 finely rolled shredded wheat biscuits, 1/2 c. ketchup, 1/2 c. milk and 1 beaten egg.

Line bottom and sides of greased loaf pan with mixture. Fill centre with stuffing. Cover with remaining meat mixture, pressing firmly. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour. Serves 8.

To prepare stuffing, combine and mix well, 3 finely rolled shredded wheat biscuits, 1/2 c. minced onion and chopped celery leaves, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 2 tsp. melted butter and 1/4 c. hot water.

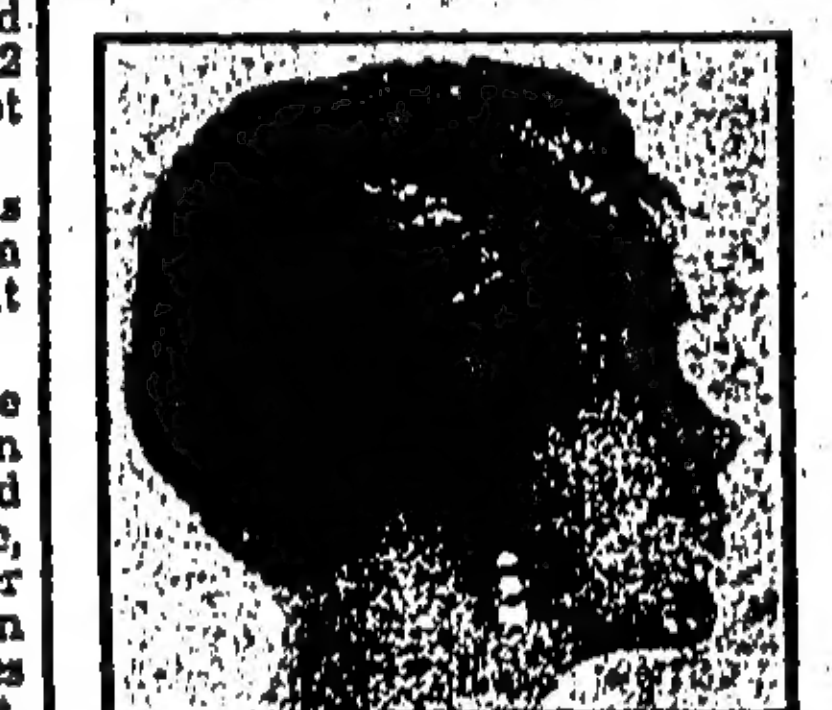
Butterscotch Rice Pudding is a good choice to finish off a meal that is a little on the light side.

To serve 6, wash 1/3 c. rice and cook until nearly tender in double boiler with 2 c. scalded milk and 1/4 tsp. salt. Meanwhile, in a shallow pan, cook together 2 tsp. butter and 1 c. brown sugar until mixture becomes very dark brown but not burnt. Add this to rice and milk, and finish cooking until rice is tender and caramelized. Pour 1/2 c. cold water in bowl, sprinkle 1 tsp. plain gelatin on top of water; add 1 c. hot milk, stirring until dissolved. Add gelatin to rice mixture and turn into mould that has been rinsed in cold water; chill.

When firm, unmould and serve plain, or with whipped cream or fruit sauce. Serves 6.

—Alice Denhoff

A Chic Chick



EASTER CHICKS have inspired this new spring cut in two shades of blonde. It is a softer, more feminine version of the old Elton crop.

The very short hair is set in reverse curls and brushed up to fall over the forehead. At the back the short hair is brushed up away from the nape of the neck.

Glamour can be added by tinting the front curls with a special rinse—ask for a golden blond, gold for a red-head, or silver for a brunette—and for evening you can dress it up with a cap of real flowers. (London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Here's How Grass Was Invented

—At Least, According to Ting-a-Ling's Story—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting under a cherry tree in Ting-a-Ling's sunny garden. Ting-a-Ling lived at the bottom of the Blue China Plate but only Knarf and Hanid, who could make themselves small, were able to get inside the Blue China Plate and find Ting-a-Ling's house and garden.

At any rate, there they were today, sitting under the Cherry Tree in Ting-a-Ling's garden, talking about all sorts of things.

Invention of Grass

"Now I wonder," Ting-a-Ling said, "whether I ever told you the story of how grass was invented."

Knarf and Hanid replied in astonishment that they never knew that anyone had ever invented grass at all. "I always thought it just grew," said Hanid.

"It does," said Ting-a-Ling, "at least that's what it does now. But the story goes that grass was once invented. And this is how it came about."

Ting-a-Ling made himself comfortable. He passed the bowl of cherries around to Knarf and Hanid, helped himself to some, and finally began.

Long, Long Ago

"It was long, long ago when the world that we see now was young. There were trees and plants and bushes—and vines and blossoms and goldfish and Acorns and chestnuts and pine needles and pine cones."

tiny green snippets... snippets of cloth and snippets of thread, all green. And at the end of the year, there were so many of these green snippets that there was hardly room in the tiny shop for the tailor to work.

"I've got to invent something," the little tailor said, "to get rid of all these green snippets. I can't throw them away or burn them because that would be wasteful. I must do something with my needle."

A Sewing Job

"So," said Ting-a-Ling, "this little tailor got some very thin clear thread from the spiders and threaded his needle with it. It was a very special needle, thinner and finer and sharper than any needle in the whole world. And one by one, fast as lightning, he sewed all the millions and millions of green snippets together into something that looked like a carpet. But it was the most enormous carpet that anyone had ever seen."

"This enormous green carpet was so enormous that the little tailor didn't know where to lay it. So what did he do? He laid his green carpet in the fields in the meadows, on the hills in the parks, on the lawns. He laid it everywhere. And it was not only pretty to look at, it was delicious to lie on. And the cows and horses and camels, and zebras, all nibbled and grazed on it."

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Bitter Protests Over Germany's New Marriage Proposals

Bonn, May 2.

Public opinion has forced the West German Government to have second thoughts on bill dealing with the relation between religious and civil marriage ceremonies.

The bill includes a paragraph providing for the abolition of the present threat of up to five years' imprisonment for clergymen "and other religious servants" who conclude a religious marriage ceremony for a couple before they have been married by a civil registrar.

Most newspapers interpreted the provision as a meaning that the Government intended to put the religious marriage ceremony on an equal footing with the civil one. Some, in fact, took it to mean that the civil marriage would no longer be legally necessary.

Bitter protests piled up on Government desks. Some accused the Government of giving way to "Catholic pressure", referring to a letter which Cardinal Joseph Frings, of Cologne, head of the Catholic Bishops in Germany, wrote to Parliament last year. The letter demanded the abolition "of the compulsory civil form of marriage."

West Germany should introduce a free system, leaving the choice of their form of marriage entirely to the betrothed," the Cardinal declared.

The Bundestag, the Upper House of Parliament, rejected the idea of abolition of the civil ceremony. It proposed that the maximum sentence for clergymen performing a religious marriage before a couple had gone through a form of civil marriage should be reduced from the present five years to three months or a fine of 500 marks (about £42 sterling).

Commentators believe that the Government still intends to go ahead with a much-disputed provision legalising the 500,000 "uncle marriages" in West Germany.

These "marriages" sprang from the fact that in West Germany widows whose soldier-husbands died in the war can draw pensions for themselves and a financial contribution to the education of their children from the State authorities as long as they do not marry again.

"UNCLE DADDY"

Drawing a logical conclusion from the fact that in West Germany widows whose soldier-husbands died in the war can draw pensions for themselves and a financial contribution to the education of their children from the State authorities as long as they do not marry again.

Strictly speaking, the children of the new husband are illegitimate and have to call their father "uncle"—hence the adjective for these "marriages".

The decisive fact for the parents remained that as long as they were not legally married they had more money—the husband's salary plus the wife's pension—than they would have if they were married.

The Government's intention, the commentators concluded, was to allow "uncle marriages" to become proper marriages without loss of the widows' pension.

A news magazine, "Der Spiegel", of Hanover, said the Bill had hardly any chance of being passed by the Bundestag. It added that two important lessons were to be drawn from the public uproar: Cabinet Ministers would do well to read all Bills carefully before approving them and citizens would do well to "watch" bills emerging from the Cabinet—China Mail Special.

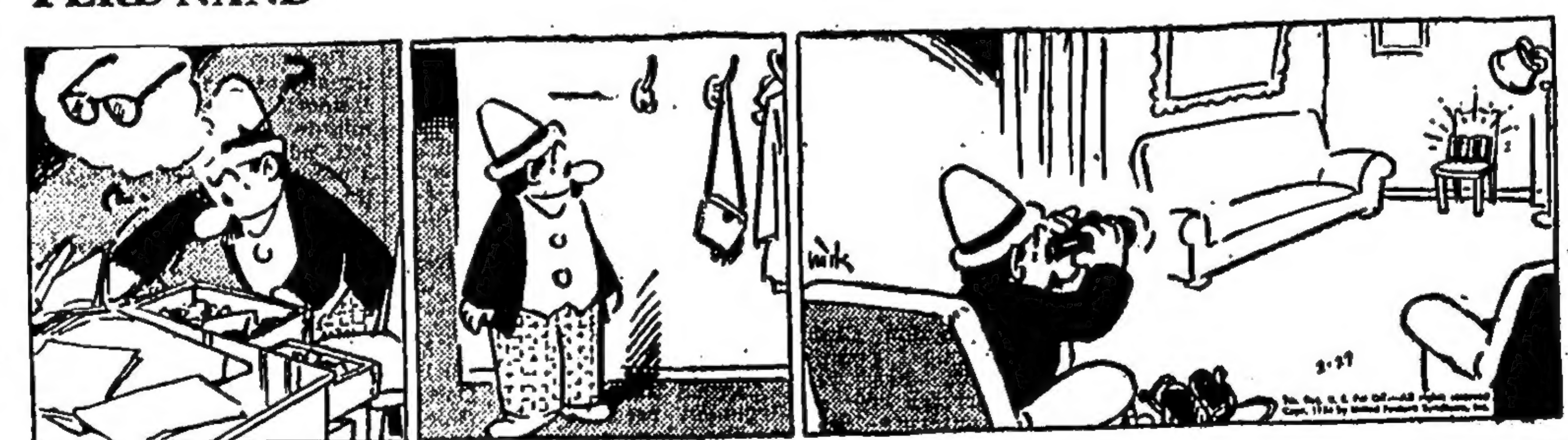
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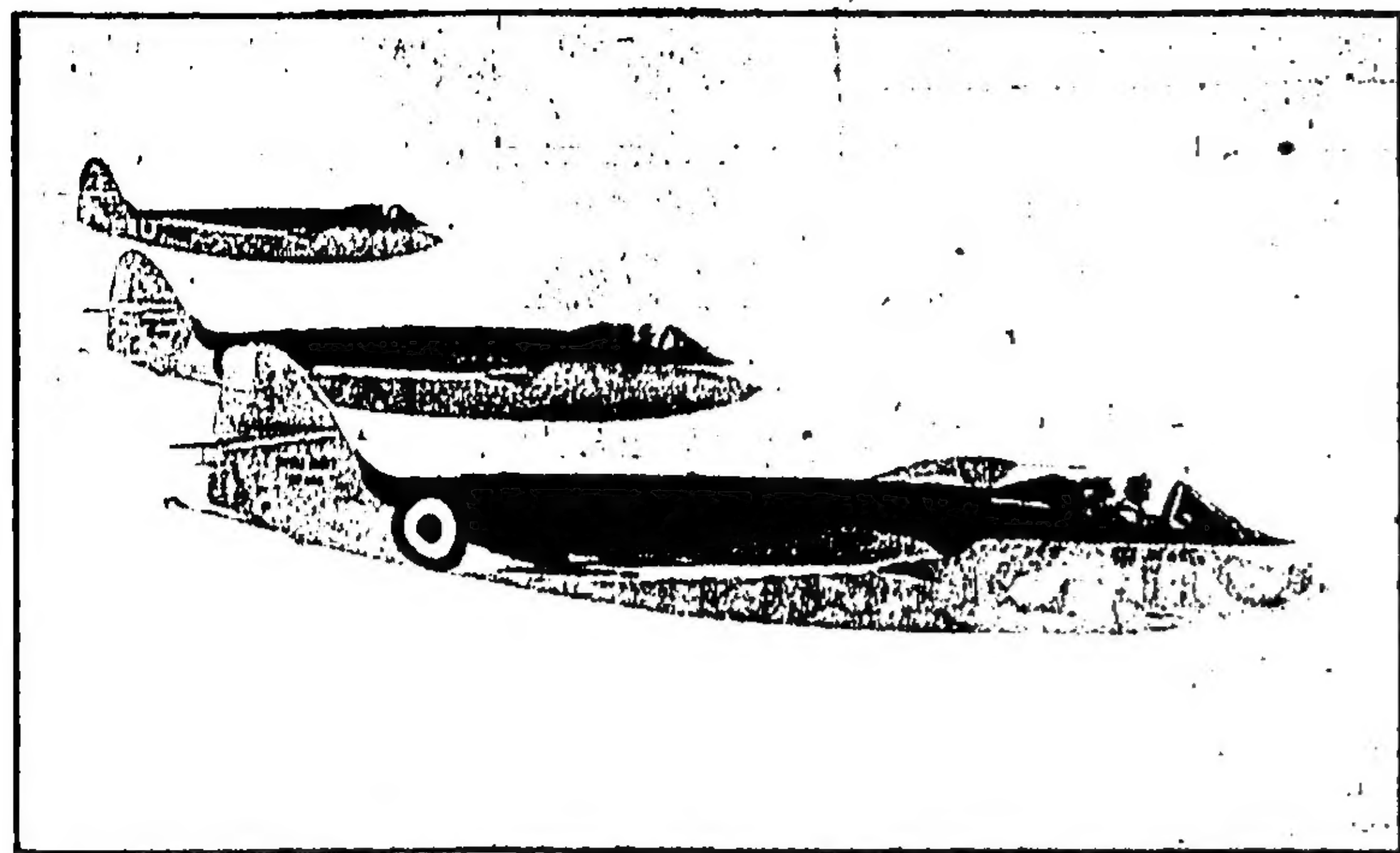
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POLICE FIRE ON CROWD

Bombay, May 2. Police at the Indian village of Kadakur, about 25 miles from Pondicherry, last night fired two shots to disperse a crowd of about 200 from French India who threw stones and tried to stop a police van, according to reports quoted by the French Trust of India. A French Indian policeman, who crossed into Indian Union territory, was arrested. Three Indian policemen were reported injured by stones thrown by the crowd, and two French Indian soldiers, whose police spent the night.

...this situation calls for a
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SEA HAWKS ON PATROL DUTY



A new photograph from London showing three Hawker Sea Hawks on patrol over the North Sea.

Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain

He Claims His Invention Will Solve Comet Disaster Mystery

This week's round-up of aviation news tells you the effect the recent Comet crash and the suspension of Britain's new jetliners have had upon the makers, the Havilland and the operators. B.O.A.C. De Havilland experts have gone to Paris to examine a new apparatus developed by a French inventor which the designer claims will pierce the mystery of the Comet disasters; there is another item on an "electric blanket" developed by British experts to prevent icing on aircraft and also extracts from the recent Government White Paper on defence announcing new policy for air warfare. The "Round-up" comes to you from London weekly—an exclusive China Mail feature.

An apparatus recently taken off the secret list and claimed to be capable of piercing the mystery of the Comet disaster has been perfected by a team of French engineers.

The de Havilland Company, it is reported in Paris, has asked one of its representatives in France to see the inventors, whose leader is M. Jean Turck, a 43-year-old research engineer. The device is described as a complex of instruments which record the working of various parts of an aircraft in flight. Details are transmitted by radio to a recording machine on the ground.

Uncertainty about the future production rate of Comet II jet

liners is now causing some anxiety. Deliveries of these planes to the British Overseas Airways Corporation were to have begun shortly.

The first Bristol Britannia propeller-turbine airliner is unlikely to go into service with the British Overseas Airways Corporation until 1955. If the output of Comet II is slowed down, the Corporation will be seriously short of airliners in the immediate future.

The possibility that further modifications to Comet will be necessary, after the investigation of recent accidents which is now being made, may naturally affect the production rate of Comet II.

Meanwhile, the B.O.A.C. fleet of airliners has been seriously depleted by the withdrawal of fourliners, certificates from the Corporation's remaining six Comet I, and by the decision to sell its 19 Handley Page Hermes piston-engined airliners.

43 Airliners

The fleet available for operating B.O.A.C. services throughout the world now consists of only 43 airliners. These are 10 American Stratocruisers, 11 American Constellations and 22 Canadairs, known in Britain as Argonauts.

A progressive transfer of employees from the production of Comet and restriction of overtime working were announced the other day by Short Brothers and Harland, Belfast. The Belfast works were building about 16 Comets II, of which the first was due for delivery this summer.

A statement on similar lines has also been made by the Havilland Aircraft Co., designers of the Comet. This said that problems set by accidents to Comet I has had untold adjustments in the programme of work in de Havilland factories. There would be less overtime in certain departments, for the time being, and other rearrangements of production might be necessary.

Japanese Decision

Japan Air Lines said recently in Tokyo that it had asked the de Havilland company to delay delivery of two Comet II's till 1957 owing to financial difficulties. The planes were to have been delivered in March, 1955.

A spokesman of the airline emphasised that this was not due to the recent Comet accidents. "We made the decision long before the accidents occurred," he said. Japan still intended to use Comets and was merely putting off buying them for the time being.

Airline and Shipping Companies

A survey conducted by an American travel agency in 14 European cities shows that advance bookings for accommodation by Americans are running much higher than at the same time last year.

Paris is the greatest attraction, with London and Rome next. It is expected about 350,000 will go to London and about 210,000 to Rome. Many Americans will visit all three cities.

Many travellers have already booked passages for Marian Year pilgrimages to European shrines.

There have also been very heavy inquiries by Americans wanting to go to Stratford-on-Avon for the Shakespeare Festival, the Edinburgh Festival and Wimbledon; to Paris, Rome, Florence, Pamplona and Madrid and to Copenhagen for the Royal Ballet Week.

More Ships In Service

Airlines and shipping companies will be offering more accommodation than ever before. New ships available this year include the Kingsholm, 23,000 tons, the Swedish American Line, and the Olympia, 22,079 tons, of the Greek Line.

Later this season there will be the Saxon, 22,000 tons, of the Cunard Line, and the Cristobal Colombo, 20,180 tons of the Italian Line.

A new-type "electric blanket" has been developed by British air experts to prevent icing on aircraft.

The system consists of electrical heating circuits sandwiched between layers of synthetic weather-proofed rubber.

This rubber "blanket" is tailored to fit round the sensitive

parts of the aircraft, such as jet engine intakes, wing leading edges, cabin heater intakes and radio aerials. It is attached directly to the metal surfaces of the aircraft and, the designers claim, fits so closely that there is no loss in aerodynamic efficiency.

The current which heats it is supplied by the aircraft's normal electrical system.

The watage can be varied

ice can be prevented from forming altogether, or it can be removed periodically before a dangerous amount accumulates. This is done by heating the blanket, continuously or in cycles, or by a combination of both.

Ice prevention can become fully automatic by connecting an ice detector to the blanket's control system.

The recent British White Paper on defence says it will be some years yet before there are enough new weapons to bring about any very radical modification in the pattern of Britain's defence effort. Although the time may come when, for certain purposes at any rate, manned aircraft will be superseded by guided weapons, the Government cannot yet say when that may be and it cannot ignore the need to deal with hostile bombers capable of flying at great heights and at speeds approaching that of sound.

The White Paper says: "To deal with this threat the fighter demands a proper fighting machine whose speed well exceeds that of sound. We have in fact made good progress in this direction and we have reasonable hope that a research aircraft will fly within the next 12 months. The new fighters now being introduced into the R.A.F. will in due course be equipped with powerful air-to-air guided weapons which will increase their lethality by perhaps four times. The development of surface-to-air guided weapons is also making good progress."

The British Government has concluded that a gradual change should be brought about in the direction and balance of the defence effort.

This is the change that will be made to air force defence plans.

The new policy for the R.A.F. will be made to conform more to the "air-atomic" policy recently decided upon for the American air force. This will mean that still greater emphasis will be placed on the R.A.F. because of the need to build up a strategic bomber force and because of the importance of guided missiles.

There is one interesting paragraph in the White Paper, not directly affecting the air force, but which is worth quoting however: "Because of the less immediate danger of a global war, and because of the Government's appreciation of the probable nature of such a war, rather less emphasis will be placed on the accumulation of reserves of warlike stores and equipment for a prolonged period of hostilities."

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

'FREE STERLING' MOVE GATHERS MOMENTUM

Wider Limits For Exchange Rates Imminent

From Our Own Correspondent

London, May 2.

Although only a month has passed since the Treasury announced the extension of the transferable account system for Sterling and the reopening of the London gold market, yet another move towards complete freedom for the pound is believed to be imminent.

The process of "setting the pound free" will, we now know, be a gradual one and the advantage of this mode of advance over the more dramatic "dash for freedom" is that it gives the authorities opportunity to test the ground ahead before making the next step forward.

And if convertibility is linked with a floating exchange rate—as many authorities on the subject believe it must be—the next logical stage in the process should be the widening of the limits within which sterling is allowed to fluctuate on either side of the official rate of US\$2.80 to the pound.

At present limits are fixed at two cents either way. That is to say, dealings in sterling are permitted in the London foreign exchange market within the price range of \$2.78 and \$2.82 to the pound. British authorities keep a close watch on the market and intervene whenever necessary to keep prices within those limits.

What gives strength to current rumours that the widening of the margins is being contemplated is the fact that official intervention has recently been necessary to keep sterling from rising above the upper limit of \$2.82. If the authorities wish to see how sterling will behave under conditions of greater freedom for the foreign exchange market now is clearly a good time to initiate the experiment.

This could be done on a modest scale even under the present International Monetary Fund rules which forbid member countries to permit exchange rate of their currency to fluctuate by more than one per cent on either side of the official parity. In the case of sterling this means the permitted "ceiling" price against the dollar could be raised slightly to \$2.82.

But it may not be long before the I.M.F. relaxes its restriction on the movement of exchange rates. This hope has been encouraged by a statement in the report of the Randall Commission which recently reviewed the foreign economic policies of the U.S.

Dealing with convertibility and the part I.M.F. could play in achieving this objective the Commission said it favoured "any reasonable relaxation of the fund that might be required, such as a relaxation of provision for maintaining fixed parities."

This somewhat vaguely worded statement has been taken to mean the Commission would like to see the rules of the Fund modified to permit dealings in member currencies beyond the present limits of one per cent either side of official parity.

The belief that the United States Government is ready to back this modification of the Fund rules coupled with the fact that the sterling-dollar rate has recently been kept within its upper limit only by official intervention in the market provides the inspiration for the current rumour regarding the sterling exchange margins.

If the I.M.F. rule is relaxed the British authorities might well be encouraged to take advantage of it by the success of their recent moves towards a freer pound.

To a large extent the present strength of sterling can be traced to this greater freedom. Before the extension of the transferable account system, "sterling" was quoted at \$2.77. By last week-end it had risen to \$2.79.

DRAMATIC EFFECT
The reopening of the London gold market after a lapse of 15 years has had an even more dramatic effect. Last month the gold and dollar surplus was \$102 million of which only 16 million dollars was attributable to receipts of American defence aid and gold from the European Payments Union. Of the rest an important part was the result of gold reaching the London market.

Apart from contributing to the gold reserves the market has played its part in the strengthening of sterling because pounds acquired against dollars

may be used to buy gold in London. Since the market reopened the rate for spot sterling has risen from \$2.81-7/16 to \$2.81-31/32 and it would no doubt be higher but for official intervention.

Less easily measurable, but no less important, is the psychological effect of this greater freedom. Foreign businessmen are now more willing to hold sterling and this confidence in the pound is one of the reasons, perhaps the chief reason why the present recession in the United States has not affected us to anything like the extent that might have been expected.

Indeed the reopening of the London gold market was such an unqualified success that "The Economist" was recently able to comment: "After a fortnight of freedom the market can fairly claim to have become far and away the most important international market in gold. Most of the dealings in continental markets have been eliminated and business that used to be transacted in Amsterdam, Zurich and other centres is now being done in London."

Could better encouragement be given the British authorities have for another move towards a completely free pound?

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$420,022. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—

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